

# ETHICS BOARD

### September 28, 2011

Present: Robert Swope, Jonathan Del Collo, Jeff Darlington, Chair – 3

Absent: Joseph Amprey – 1

Also Present: Ed Stock, Solicitor

Shelly Katzenmoyer, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 5:20 pm by Jeff Darlington, Chair.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Mr. Del Collo, seconded by Mr. Swope to accept the March 23, 2011 and September 14, 2011 minutes as written. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Integrity in Government addition to Code of Ethics

Mr. Stock reviewed the issue and stated that the existing legislation has no enforcement mechanism. He stated that violations cannot be enforced. He stated that adding this provision to the Code of Ethics is being reviewed. This would allow enforcement through the complaint procedure. He stated that this is proving to be more difficult than he anticipated and that he is concerned that other laws govern elections and that the Code would be pre-empted by State and Federal law.

Mr. Darlington questioned the timeline for this amendment. Mr. Stock stated that he should be able to have a draft complete by the end of 2011. He stated that it would be better for Council to consider this amendment when it is not election season.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Disposition of Complaints

Mr. Stock explained that the Board will be voting on complaint 08-1202 after deliberating in executive session. The Board entered executive session at 5:28 pm and exited at 5:52 pm.

Motion was made by Mr. Swope, seconded by Mr. Del Collo, to accept the finding report of the investigative officer regarding complaint 08-1202 which issues an admonition and fine of \$153.50 per the final order. Motion carried.

Mr. Stock instructed Ms. Katzenmoyer to distribute the final order.

Next meeting date

The Board will meet within the next two weeks at the availability of the members.

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Katzenmoyer Deputy City Clerk